

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-11. (cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) The fastener of claim 37 [[11]], wherein an arrangement of the center post relative to each bridge forms an angle of about 13.5°.

13. (Currently Amended) The fastener of claim 34 [[11]], wherein each of the bridging members is ~~bridge segment represents a~~ substantially straight member in a free position.

14. (cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) The fastener of claim 37 [[1]], wherein the divergent arrangement of the two arcuate hinge segments with respect to the center post has an inverted Y-shaped conformation.

16. (Currently Amended) The fastening system ~~fastener~~ of claim 34 [[1]], wherein the arrangement comprises:

~~the base is part of a~~ first head;

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